Sl.	*Commodity*	*February 1992*	*March (till 21.3.92) 1992*
22.	Salt	+0.8	+2.8
23.	Vanaspati	-2.4	-3.4
24.	Mustard oil	5.2	-2.8
25.	Coconut oil	4.6	-2.9
26.	Groundnut oil	6.0	-2.9
27.	Cotton Cloth (mills)	+0.3	+3.6
28.	Laundry Soap	Steady	+0.6
29.	Safety Matches	Steady	Steady
30.	Drugs & Medicines	+0.1	+1.1
	ALL COMMODITIES	+0.4	+0.6

Note: Figures are provisional.

Strategy to conserve Power

6611. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering any strategy to conserve power;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to give fiscal incentives to industries in his regard; and

(c) if so, to what extent industries will be able to conserve power by virtue of these incentives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) The Government has formulated a comprehensive strategy for conservation of electric power and other energy resources such as petroleum and coal.

(b) The Government has been providing fiscal incentives to encourage energy conservation in the industrial sector. These incentives include 100% depreciation allowance admissible under the Income - Tax and Customs & Excise Duty relief on the cost of energy saving devices and equipment.

(c) The extent to which industries will be able to conserve power by virtue of these incentives cannot be quantified. However, the fiscal inventives extended by the Govt. will create an environment conducive for accelerated investment by industries in energy conservation programmes.

Legal Protection to Clear the Backlog

6612. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH HOODA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Govement propose to